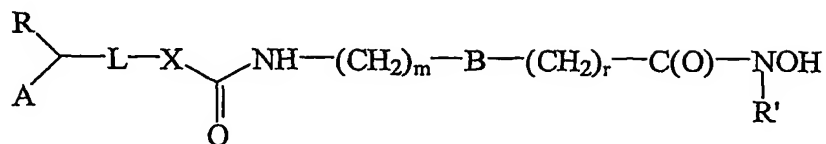


## CLAIMS

1. Compounds of formula (I):



(I)

in which:

R is hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or phenyl;

R' is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

A is aryl or a monocyclic, dicyclic, or tricyclic residue, optionally partly or completely unsaturated, containing one or more heteroatoms selected from the group formed by N, S and O and possibly substituted with haloalkyl, alkylsulphonyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, alkanoyl, carbonyloxy, alkoxy, thioalkoxy, thiophenoxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, perfluoroalkoxy, perfluoroalkyl, phenyl, phenoxy, phenylalkoxy, benzoyloxy, phenylalkyl, benzoyl, phenylsulphonyl groups, the phenyl, phenoxy, phenylalkoxy, phenylalkyl, benzoyl and benzoyloxy substituents optionally being substituted in the aromatic ring with alkyl, alkoxy, alkylsulphonyl, amino, cyano, hydroxy, nitro, perfluoroalkoxy, perfluoroalkyl, phenylsulphonyl, thioalkoxy and halogen groups;

L is a chain of from 1 to 5 carbon atoms optionally containing a double bond or an NR' group in which R' is as defined above;

X is an oxygen atom, an NR' group, in which R' is as defined above, or is absent;

$r$  and  $m$  are, independently, 0, 1 or 2;

B is phenyl or cyclohexyl. .

2. Compounds according to Claim 1 in which R is hydrogen.

3. Compounds according to Claim 1 in which R is methyl.
4. Compounds according to any one of Claims 1-3 in which A is phenyl.
5. Compounds according to Claim 3 in which A is phenyl substituted with one or more groups selected from: alkoxy, nitro, perfluoroalkyl, phenoxy, phenyl, phenylalkoxy, benzyloxy, and thioalkoxy.
6. Compounds according to any one of Claims 1-5 in which X is absent.
7. Compounds according to any one of Claims 1-6 in which L is methylene or ethylene.
8. Compounds according to any one of Claims 1-7 in which m and r are equal to zero.
9. Compounds according to any one of Claims 1-8 in which B is phenyl.
10. Compounds according to any one of Claims 1-9 in which R' is hydrogen.
11. A compound selected from:
  - N-hydroxy-4-[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-acetylamino]-benzamide;
  - N-hydroxy-4-(3-phenyl-butyrylamino)-benzamide;
  - N-hydroxy-4-[3-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-propionylamino]-benzamide;
  - N-hydroxy-4-[2-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-acetylamino]-benzamide;
  - N-hydroxy-4-[2-(4-ethoxy-phenyl)-acetylamino]-benzamide;
  - N-hydroxy-4-[3-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-propionylamino]-benzamide;
  - N-hydroxy-4-[2-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-phenyl)-acetylamino]-benzamide;
  - N-hydroxy-4-[2-(4-methylsulphanil-phenyl)-acetylamino]-benzamide;

N-hydroxy-4-[2-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-acetylamino]-benzamide;

N-hydroxy-4-[2-(3-nitro-phenyl)-acetylamino]-benzamide;

N-hydroxy-4-[2-(3-phenoxy-phenyl)-acetylamino]-benzamide;

N-hydroxy-4-[2-(diphenyl-4-yl)-acetylamino]-benzamide;

N-hydroxy-4-[2-(2,3-dimethoxy-phenyl)-acetylamino]-benzamide;

2-[2-(4-hydroxycarbamoyl-phenylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-phenyl ester of benzoic acid;

N-hydroxy-4-[2-(4-nitro-phenyl)-acetylamino]-benzamide;

N-hydroxy-4-[2-(2-phenoxy-phenyl)-acetylamino]-benzamide;

N-hydroxy-4-[2-(4,5-dimethoxy-2-nitro-phenyl)-acetylamino]-benzamide;

N-hydroxy-4-[2-(2-benzyloxy-phenyl)-acetylamino]-benzamide;

N-hydroxy-4-[2-(2-nitro-phenyl)-acetylamino]-benzamide.

12. Compounds of any one of Claims 1-11 for use as medicaments.

13. Use of compounds of any one of Claims 1-11 for the preparation of medicaments with anti-inflammatory and/or auto-immune activity for the treatment of diseases such as spondyloarthropathy, rheumatoid arthritis, acute alcoholic hepatitis, inflammatory syndromes of the intestine (Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis), asthma, diabetes, heart failure, intracerebral haemorrhage, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis, glomerulonephritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, chronic pulmonary obstruction, pulmonary fibrosis, multiple sclerosis, sepsis, septic shock, etc.

14. Use of the compounds of any one of Claims 1-11 for the preparation of medicaments for the treatment of tumorous and/or neurodegenerative diseases.
15. Use of the compounds of any one of Claims 1-11 and at least one active ingredient with anti-tumour action for the preparation of medicaments for the treatment of tumorous and neurodegenerative diseases.
16. Pharmaceutical compositions containing the compounds of any one of Claims 1-11 mixed with suitable excipients and/or vehicles.
17. Pharmaceutical compositions containing the compounds of any one of Claims 1-11 and at least one active ingredient with anti-tumour action mixed with suitable excipients and/or vehicles.